

Questions as Orders for Returns

PUBLIC DEBT

Mr. AYLESWORTH:

What was the net debt of the dominion on each of the following dates: (a) March 31, 1868; (b) March 31, 1896; (c) March 31, 1911; (d) March 31, 1921; (e) March 31, 1941?

Mr. ILSLEY:

- (a) \$75,757,134.74.*
- (b) \$258,497,432.77.*
- (c) \$340,042,052.03.
- (d) \$2,340,878,983.69.

(e) Not available; the accounts of the Dominion for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1941, have not yet been closed. The net debt of the Dominion on March 31, 1940, was \$3,271,259,647.34.

* Figures are for June 30. From 1867 to 1906 the fiscal year of the Dominion of Canada ended June 30, and from 1907 on, ended March 31.

*CRIMINAL CODE—HIT-AND-RUN DRIVERS

Mr. CHURCH:

1. Are any statutory amendments to the criminal code to be made this session?
2. If so, when are they likely to be brought down?
3. Will further legislation, regarding protection of citizens on the highways from reckless and hit-and-run drivers, and damage to life and property from air rifles, be introduced during the present session?

Mr. LAPOINTE (Quebec East): The intention of the government with regard to this matter will be announced in due time.

QUESTIONS PASSED AS ORDERS FOR RETURNS

SHORT TERM BORROWING

Mr TUCKER:

1. Has the British treasury, since Britain entered the war, relied on short term borrowing to finance its war effort to such an extent, that the treasury short term financing has increased by the equivalent of over four billion dollars, which is more than the amount raised in the same period through bond offerings?
2. Does the British treasury, in addition to the sale of short term treasury notes, invite deposits each week from all banks, such deposits remaining with the treasury for a period of at least six months?
3. Will consideration be given to having the chartered banks of Canada assist in the war effort by inviting them to similarly make substantial deposits in the Bank of Canada; any consequent reduction in chartered bank reserves to be compensated for by issue of Bank of Canada notes by the Bank of Canada?
4. What are the profits of each of the chartered banks of Canada in 1940?

[Mr. J. A. MacKinnon.]

5. What percentage of paid up capital are such profits in each case and what were the average annual profits of each bank during the ten years immediately preceding, and what percentage of the paid up capital was such average annual profit of each bank?

Mr. ILSLEY: Return tabled.

PRAIRIE FARM ASSISTANCE—PROCESSING LEVY ON WHEAT

Mr. FAIR:

1. What amount has been collected to date from the one per cent levy on grain sold from the 1940 crop under the Prairie Farm Assistance Act?
2. What is the head office cost of administration to date?
3. What are the names and addresses of inspectors employed, and the amount paid to each for, (a) salary; (b) travelling expenses?
4. At what rate per day are inspectors paid?

CANADIAN FARM LOAN BOARD—EMPLOYMENT OF SOLICITORS

Mr. WINKLER:

1. By calendar years from 1936, how many mortgages have been placed in Manitoba with the Canadian farm loan board?
2. In the same period by calendar years, how many solicitors were employed in Manitoba in connection with the placing of said mortgages and what are the names of such solicitors?
3. How many mortgages did each of the said solicitors handle, and what was the total amount of money paid to each of them for such work, (a) for fees; (b) for disbursements?
4. In how many cases over the said period was it necessary for the Canadian farm loan board to take legal action against the mortgagor, and what are the names of the solicitors to whom such cases were given, and what were the total amounts paid to each solicitor for such actions, (a) for fees; (b) for disbursements?

Mr. ILSLEY: Return tabled.

GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES FREE TRAVEL BY AIR

Mr. PERLEY:

1. How many civil servants and/or employees of the government have travelled by airways at government expense during, (a) the year 1940, and (b) 1941 to date?
2. What was the expenditure incurred thereby in each of the said periods, by departments?

CABINET MINISTERS AND SECRETARIES—TRAVELLING EXPENSES

Mr. STOKES:

1. What amount of money was paid to each minister of the crown during the fiscal years ending March 31, 1940, and March 31, 1941, for travelling expenses?
2. What amount of money was paid to each private secretary, associate private secretary and/or assistant private secretary of each minister of the crown during the fiscal years ending March 31, 1940, and March 31, 1941, for travelling expenses?